

ABSTRACT

A jack-in-a-box includes: a case provided with a plurality of insertion holes in an outer wall portion thereof; a jump-out member placed in a fixed position of the case; a plurality of insertion members to be inserted into each of the plurality of insertion holes; a jump-out-force applying device to apply spring force to the jump-out member in a jumping-out direction; a locking device capable of locking the jump-out member while resisting the spring force of the jump-out-force applying device and keeping the jump-out member in the fixed position of the case; a releasing device to release lock of the locking device; a detection device to detect insertion of the plurality of insertion members; an action generating device to perform a predetermined action; and a control device to set the number of insertion required until the jump-out member jumps out, cause the action generating device to perform the predetermined action when the number of insertion of the insertion members detected by the detection device has reached the set number, and then cause the releasing device to operate.